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PLAN FULFILLMENT IN ROMANIAN AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT ENTERPRISES

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Sovromtractor

Bucharest newspapers mentioned the following components of Sovromtractor in their August and September 1952 issues: assembly lines No 4, No 612 (1), No 610, and No 611 (2), steel mill (3), forge section, machine cutting section (4), chassis section, tooling section (5), motor block section (6), and the motor section. (2)

Scanteia reported on 8 August that Sovromtractor in Stalin had received the Red Banner for production. During the first 6 months of 1952 the plant fulfilled its over-all plan 113.2 percent. The tractor production plan in this period was fulfilled 110.5 percent, and the spare parts plan 142.2 percent. Labor productivity grew 2.4 percent more than planned. The USSR supplied raw materials, technicians, and technical experience.(7) On 26 August Scanteia reported that production had increased, labor productivity had risen 8 percent, and production costs had declined 1.23 percent in July 1952 with the aid of Soviet technicians and Soviet methods. More than 2,500 workers and technicians applied Soviet methods in August. More than 250 workers began the maximum use of techniques. More than 400 applied the Vasu method, and 106 the Dicu innovation.(8)

Individual components of Sovromtractor exceeded plans. Assembly lines No 610 and No 611 fulfilled their July 1952 plans 140 percent each. In the motor section, the motor block plan was fulfilled 170 percent for July, according to Scanteia of 4 August.(2) Romania Libera reported on 2 September that assembly line No 612 averaged 139 percent fulfillment. The collective of assembly line No 4 averaged 116 percent. Iron smelting teams under Ion Poda, Ion Anghel, and Stakhanovite Stefan Haras averaged 120-130 percent fulfillment. Stakhanovite Wilhelm Miklos, a lathe operator, produced three norms daily.(1)

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Viata Sindicala declared on 4 September that the production cycle in the steel mill had been shortened significantly. For example, two brigades aided by Ion Pleter and Engineer Alexandru Fekete reorganized each individual operation in steel production, cutting the length of time needed for loading furnaces by 50 percent. The paper stated that, in the fight to produce more steel for tractors, a number of men were outstanding. These included steelworker Traian Semenciuc and Engineer Tiberiu Vadanici of Brigade No II, a number of smelters, Stakhanovite steelworker Gh. Mares, leading steelworkers Gh. Bunea, Ion Stancu, and master Anatol Virta of Brigade No I.(3) By 4 September, according to Romania Libera of 7 September, the forge section fulfilled its production plan 151.7 percent. At present 427 workers are applying the maximum use of techniques; 106 others are in training. Workers of the machine cutting section fulfilled the August plan 10 days ahead of schedule. On 5 September the entire plant was producing tractors toward the 25 September quota.(4)

The same newspaper stated on 10 September that Sovromtractor as a whole was producing tractors for its October quota at the beginning of September. The forge section was leading in production. In the chassis section, Stakhanovites Nicolae Stefanescu and Ioan Constantinescu produced 3.5 daily norms each. The tooling section produced 110-120 percent of its norm daily.(5) Rectifier Ion Jiga was mentioned as an outstanding worker in the motor block section in Scanteia of 23 September.(6)

Vasile Roaita Machinery Plant

The Vasile Roaita Machinery Plant in Bucharest contains a general tool section, a smelting section (9), a thrasher-wheel section, an iron shop, a chain section (10), a thrasher assembly section, a wheel assembly section, and others.(11) Competitions, pledges, and Soviet methods are being introduced daily at the plant, Romania Libera reported on 9 September.(12) For example, Stakhanovite Mircea Mocanu of the general tool section pledged that he would fulfill his third-quarter plan by 23 August. Leading metal worker Ioan Pupazan pledged double daily production in August. Leading smelter Nicolae Vercaru and metalworker Ion Draga pledged early fulfillment of their quotas. As a result of such efforts, workers of Vasile Roaita produced as many threshers between 1 January and 23 August 1952 as in all of 1951.(9) On 10 September, Viata Sindicala stated that the plant was producing agricultural machinery ahead of schedule. The thrasher-wheel section, the chain section, the iron shop, as well as individual metalworkers, assemblers, pressers, smelters, and others were exceeding quotas.(10)

On 9 September, Viata Capitala reported that Engineer Lizar Dumitru, chief of production, had introduced new production methods. Lathe operators Gheorghe Voicu, Constantin Niculescu, and others were using the Bykov-Bortkevich method for the high-speed cutting of metals. In addition, various other Soviet methods -- the Kalugi, Krikanova, Voroshin, Zhundarova, Kuznetsov, etc., -- were used by 500 workers, including 12 Stakhanovites and 205 leading workers.(13) On 26 September Romania Libera reported that the thrasher assembly and wheel assembly sections of the Vasile Roaita Machinery Plant had pledged increased production at a conference held in honor of the draft Constitution.(14)

IMS Agricultural Equipment Factory in Roman

The IMS Agricultural Equipment Factory in Roman fulfilled its production plan 213.17 percent in honor of 23 August. Full use was made of furnaces and other equipment. The transport schedule for raw materials was maintained and the schedule for the loading of furnaces and preparation of charges was closely followed.(14)

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